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1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
PRESSING THE PAST FEW DAYS TO OBTAIN OUR VIEWS ON HOW SYG
LUNS SHOULD STRUCTURE HIS SPEAKING BRIEF FOR THE RE-
STRICTED SESSION AT THE FORTHCOMING DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETING, AND HOW MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT TO PURSUE A LONG-
TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AND SEVERAL SHORT-TERM MEASURES
SHOULD BECOME A MATTER OF RECORD.

2. THESE OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR DPC MINIS-
TERS TO REACH CLEAR AGREEMENTS. OTHERWISE THEY FORESEE
ENDLESS ARGUMENTS, FOLLOWING THE DPC, ON HOW BOTH THE
LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS SHOULD BE CARRIED
FORWARD.

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3. AT THE SAME TIME, THE IS STRESSES THAT THE OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTED BY THE EXTREMELY POSITIVE DPC AND MC REACTION
TO AMBASSADOR KOMER'S MAY 4 REMARKS SHOULD BE EXPLOITED
AT THE MINISTERIAL TO GIVE BOTH THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM
PROGRAMS AN ALLIANCE STAMP, RATHER THAN A "MADE IN USA"
LABEL. THUS THEY NEED TIME TO ALLOW LUNS TO PLACE HIS

OWN STAMP -- BUT CERTAINLY ONE THAT WILL BOTH REFLECT US
VIEWS AND RESULT IN SPEEDY LAUNCHING OF BOTH INITIATIVES--
ON THE PROGRAM.

4. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF THE IS CONCERNS
STEM FROM A DESIRE TO FINISH STAFF WORK PRIOR TO LUNS'
RETURN FROM THE LONDON SUMMIT. WE SEE VALUE, HOWEVER, IN
FORESHADOWING FOR THE IS THE DESIRABLE PARAMETERS OF LUNS'
SUMMING-UP LANGUAGE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE PROBLEMS IN
PURSUING US INITIATIVES FOLLOWING THE DPC. WE ALSO AGREE
THAT, SINCE RESTRICTED SESSION RESULTS HAVE NOT REPEAT
NOT CUSTOMARILY BEEN REFLECTED IN APPROVED ALLIANCE DOCU-
MENTS FOLLOWING DPC MEETINGS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR
MINISTERS THEMSELVES TO APPROVE LANGUAGE. ACCORDINGLY,
WE PLAN TO APPROACH THE IS USING DECISION LANGUAGE TEXT
REF A (AS MODIFIED BY POINT MADE PARA 4 REF B) AND DRAFT
TOR REF C (WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY INCORPORATES THAT POINT)
TO POINT THE IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE WILL MAKE
CLEAR THAT ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS WILL FOLLOW ON MAY 16.
END COMMENT. BENNETT

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